

R E M A R K S

Claims 16 and 18 were amended to depend on allowable claims.

Claims 26 to 29 were amended into independent format.

Enclosed is a MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

New claims 120 to 124 recite features of original claim 26.

New claims 125 and 126 recite features of original claim 27.

Concerning the last two paragraphs on page 2 of the Office Action, enclosed is a copy of the receipt postcard stamped by the USPTO which evidences the filing of certified copies of Hei 9-82953, Hei 9-169088 and Hei 9-276064 on July 22, 1998 in parent application Serial No. 09/053,583. Acknowledgment of receipt of these certified copies of the priority documents for this application is respectfully requested.

At the middle of page 18 of the enclosed Office Action the Examiner stated that claims 14, 15, 62 to 78, 88 to 90 and 107 are allowable, and claims 26 to 29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection and include all of the features of the base claim thereof.

During a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned on November 13, 2002, the Examiner stated that claim 7 was also allowable (see the Interview Summary mailed on November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 20)).

The above cancellation of claims renders moot the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The cancelled claims will be pursued in a continuing application.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encs.: (1) PETITION FOR EXTENSION

(2) MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

16. (Amended) The antibody of [any of claims 10, 11, 12, 13 or] claim 15, which is an immunoglobulin G antibody.

18. (Amended) The antibody of [any of claims] claim 7 [, 10, 11, 12, 13] or claim 15, which is humanized.

26. (Amended) [The] An isolated molecule [of any of claims 1, 6, 8 or 9] that comprises a light chain polypeptide protein selected [individually] from the group consisting of (i) the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 50, (ii) the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 52, (iii) the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 54, (iv) the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 107 and (v) the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 109.

27. (Amended) [The] An isolated molecule [of any of claims 1, 6, 8 or 9] that comprises a heavy chain polypeptide protein selected [individually] from the group consisting of (i) the amino acid sequence 1 to 451 of SEQ ID NO: 89 and (ii) the amino acid sequence 1 to 451 of SEQ ID NO: 117.

28. (Amended) [The] An isolated molecule [of any of claims 1, 6, 8 or 9] that comprises a light chain polypeptide protein having the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 50, and a heavy chain polypeptide protein having the amino acid sequence 1 to 451 of SEQ ID NO: 89.

29. (Amended) [The] An isolated molecule [of any of claims 1, 6, 8 or 9] that comprises a light chain polypeptide protein having the amino acid sequence 1 to 218 of SEQ ID NO: 107, and a heavy chain polypeptide protein having the amino acid sequence 1 to 451 of SEQ ID NO: 117.